

## **THE RESURRECTION MYTH**

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### **RESURRECTION IN THE TANACH:**

Your dead will come to life, My corpses will arise. Awake and shout for joy, you who rest in the dust! For your dew is like the dew that revives vegetation, and the lifeless will be toppled to the ground.

**(ISAIAH 26:19)**

He said to me: Son of Man, these bones, they are the whole House of Israel. Behold, they are saying, "Our bones are dried out and our hope is lost; we are doomed!" Therefore, prophesy and say to them: Thus said the Lord God: Behold, I am opening your graves and raising you up from your graves, My people, and I will bring you to the soil of Israel. Then you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and when I raise you up from your graves, My people, and when I put My spirit into you, and you come to life, and I set you on your soil. Then you will know that I, the Lord have spoken and I have fulfilled – the word of the Lord.

**(EZEKIEL 37:11-14)**

Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth will awaken; these for everlasting life and these for shame and everlasting contempt.

**(DANIEL 12:2)**

### **CHRISTOLOGICAL PROOF-TEXTS FOR THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS**

I will go and return to My place until they will acknowledge their guilt and seek My face; in their hardship they will seek Me. Come, let us return to the Lord for He has torn and He shall heal us; He has smitten and He shall bandage us. *He will heal us after two days; on the third He will raise us up and we will live before Him.*

**(HOSEA 5:15-6:1-2)**

I have set the Lord before me always, because He is at my right hand I shall not falter. Therefore, my heart rejoices and my soul is elated, my flesh, too, rests in confidence. Because You will not abandon my soul to the lower world, nor allow Your devout one to witness destruction. You will reveal to me the path of life, the fullness of joys in Your presence. There is delight at Your right hand for eternity.

**(PSALMS 16:8-11)**

He will eliminate death forever, and my Lord God will erase tears from all faces; He will remove the shame of His nation from upon the entire earth, for the Lord has spoken.

**(ISAIAH 25:8)**

**NEW TESTAMENT RESURRECTION ACCOUNTS TIMELINE:**

<b>Paul</b>	<b>Mark</b>	<b>Matthew</b>	<b>Luke</b>	<b>John</b>
c. 55 CE I Corinthians 15	c. 70 CE	c. 80 CE	c. 90 CE	c. 100 CE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Non-physical appearances</li> <li>• No empty tomb</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No appearances</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visionary appearances</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flesh and blood appearances</li> </ul>	

THE RESURRECTION ACCOUNTS	Mark 14-15	Matthew 27-28	Luke 23-24	John 19-21
When was Jesus crucified?	The 1st day of Passover	The 1 <sup>st</sup> day of Passover	The 1 <sup>st</sup> day of Passover	The day before Passover
Who carried the cross?	Simon of Cyrene	Simon of Cyrene	Simon of Cyrene	Jesus by himself
What time was Jesus crucified?	9:00 am	_____	_____	Sometime after noon
What drink is offered to Jesus on the cross?	Wine with myrrh	Wine with gall	Sour wine	Sour wine
Does Jesus accept the drink?	No	Yes	-----	Yes
Two thieves are crucified alongside Jesus. Does either one acknowledge him?	No	No	One does	-----
When did the curtain in the Temple tear?	After Jesus dies	After Jesus dies	Before Jesus dies	_____
What were Jesus' last words?	My God, My God, why have You forsaken me?	My God, My God, why have You forsaken me?	Father – Into Your hands I commit my spirit.	It is finished.
What did the centurion say when Jesus died?	Truly this man was the son of God	Surely he was the son of God	Truly, this man was innocent	_____
What was written on the top of the cross?	The King of the Jews	This is Jesus the King of the Jews	This is the King of the Jews	Jesus of Nazareth the King of the Jews
Who buried Jesus?	Joseph of Arimathea	Joseph of Arimathea	Joseph of Arimathea (In Acts 13, Luke writes that the Jewish leaders buried Jesus)	Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus

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Who first come to the tomb where Jesus is interred?	Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of Jesus and Salome	Mary Magdalene and another woman named Mary	Mary Magdalen, Mary the mother of James, Joanna and other women	Only Mary Magdalene
When do these women come to the tomb?	After the sun rose on Sunday morning	As dawn approached on Sunday morning	Early dawn on Sunday morning	Very early Sunday morning while it was still dark
Was the tomb open or closed when they arrived?	The stone blocking the tomb had already been rolled away.	The tomb was still blocked by a large stone. An angel descends from heaven and rolls it away.	The stone had already been moved.	The stone had already been rolled away.
Who do the women first see at the tomb?	A young man sitting inside the tomb	An angel sitting on the rock outside the tomb	Two men standing inside the tomb	Mary sees no one when she first comes to the tomb. When she later returns with two disciples, she sees two angels.
What are the women first told at the tomb?	Jesus has risen. Tell the disciples he will be meeting them in the Galilee.	Jesus has risen. Tell the disciples he will be meeting them in the Galilee.	They are not told that Jesus will be meeting the disciples in the Galilee and are given specific instructions to stay in Jerusalem.	The angels give Mary no instructions. Jesus appears to Mary who doesn't recognize him at first. He tells her to inform the disciples that he will be ascending to heaven.
Do the women go to tell the disciples what they experienced?	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Who do the women report to?	_____	The 11 disciples	The 11 disciples and other people	Simon Peter and another unnamed disciple

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What do the disciples do in response?	_____	They go to the Galilee to meet Jesus.	They don't believe the women their words seemed like nonsense. Peter, however, runs to the tomb.	They go to the tomb to see for themselves.
Did the woman meet Jesus before going to report to the disciples?	No	Yes	No	Yes
Does Jesus appear to Mary before or after she meets with the disciples?	No	Before	_____	After
Is Mary allowed to touch Jesus after seeing him?	_____	Yes	Yes	No
Did Mary recognize Jesus when he appeared to her?	Yes	Yes	_____	No
Did Mary Magdalene tell the disciples that someone had taken Jesus' body after she saw the empty tomb?	No	No	No	Yes
How many appearances did Jesus make after his resurrection?	3	2	2	4
Where does Jesus first appear to his disciples?	In the countryside – possibly in the Galilee	Galilee	Jerusalem	Jerusalem